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SPACE
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LAUNCHING OF INSAT-3C
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed launching of the INSAT-3C stated for September 2001 has been deferred;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the French Space Agency `Arianespace` had recently launched its satellite- 142 which could not reach the desired orbit;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to inject the INSAT-3C from somewhere else; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The launch of INSAT-3C spacecraft scheduled for September 2001 has been temporarily put on hold.

(b) The Ariane-5 flight 510 has failed and the launcher agency Arianespace is investigating the exact reason for its failure. The INSAT-3C spacecraft can be launched only after the results of the failure analysis are known and corrective actions taken.

(c) Yes, Sir. The flight V-142 could not reach the desired orbit due to the under performance of Ariane 5 flight 510 launch.

(d) Presently there is no proposal to launch INSAT-3C by any other launch vehicle.

(e) Launching by another launcher agency requires re-configuring the spacecraft and establishing its compatibility with the launcher. Hence, it is not proposed to launch INSAT-3C by a different launcher agency.